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SUBJ: CSCE: MALTA: PROPOSED EC-NINE COMPROMISE

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1. UK AND FRENCH REPS INFORMED NATO CAUCUS JUNE 30 THAT
THEY HAD JOINTLY CONVEYED EC-9 COMPROMISE OFFER TO
MALTSE AMBASSADOR GAUCI (REF A). ALLIES REPORTED THAT
LATTER HAD NOT BEEN ENTIRELY NEGATIVE;
BUT, AS WE HAD EXPECTED, VIEWED
OFFER AS "MINIMAL" APPROACH, WHICH WAS
NOT LIKELY TO SATISFY THE MALTESE.

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2. NEVERTHELESS, THE NINE ARE CURRENTLY NOT QUITE AS

PESSIMISTIC OF THE CHANCES OF A CSCE COMPROMISE WITH MALTA IN VIEW OF THE REPORTED ECONOMIC OVERTONES OF MINTOFF'S SELF-INITIATED TRIP TO BONN, LONDON, AND AS GAUCI PUT IT, "PERHAPS" TO PARIS AND MADRID, DURING WHICH SOME SORT OF A DEAL MIGHT BE WORKED OUT.

3. IN IMPROMPTU INFORMAL DISCUSSION AFTER FURTHER WHOLLY UNPRODUCTIVE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION WORKING GROUP MEETING ON JUNE 30, AMBASSADOR GAUCI RAISED ANOTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUE WITH SOVIET DELEGATION, I.E. THE QUESTION WHETHER MOSCOW WOULD ACCEPT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IN THE SECOND OPERATIVE PARA OF THE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION TO THE UN "FRIENDLY RELATIONS DECLARATION", AS THE EC-9 SEEMED WILLING TO DO. SOVIET REP REPLIED, IN PRESENCE SEVERAL WESTERN AND US REPS, THAT MOSCOW WOULD NOT WISH TO REFER TO ANY SPECIFIC UN DECLARATION OR RESOLUTION, BUT WOULD PERHAPS BE WILLING TO ACCEPT A MORE GENERAL PHRASE REFERRING TO "... THE SPIRIT OF THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN UN RESOLUTIONS ON PEACE, SECURITY, AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS". WHEN SEVERAL WESTERN DELEGATIONS INDICATED THAT A REFERENCE TO UN RESOLUTIONS ON "SECURITY" IN THIS MEDITERRANEAN CONTEXT MIGHT RAISE POTENTIALLY COMPLEX QUESTIONS REQUIRING CONSULTATION WITH CAPITALS, SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE BROKE OFF DISCUSSION, REITERATING THAT ONLY SUCH A GENERAL FORMULATION INCLUDING REFERENCE TO UN RESOLUTIONS ON PEACE AND SECURITY ARE ACCEPTABLE TO USSR.

4. COMMENT AND REQUESTED ACTION: IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US TO HAVE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS, IF POSSIBLE BY JULY 4, WHETHER TEXT AS PROPOSED BY SOVIET DELEGATION IS ACCEPTABLE. OUR OWN LESS-THAN-EXPERT INSTINCT IS TO SHY AWAY FROM OPEN-ENDED REFERENCES TO UN RESOLUTIONS ON PEACE AND SECURITY IN MIDDLE EASTERN CONTEXT, WHICH IT WOULD HAVE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE SEE NO GREAT HARM IN AGREEING TO THE MALTESE REQUEST FOR A BASIC REFERENCE TO THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS DECLARATION, OR MORE GENERAL REFERENCE TO UN RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FRIENDLY RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS.

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5. FOR BONN, LONDON, PARIS, MADRID, REPORTS ON MINTOFF'S DISCUSSIONS AS THEY CONCERN CSCE IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. DAL

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